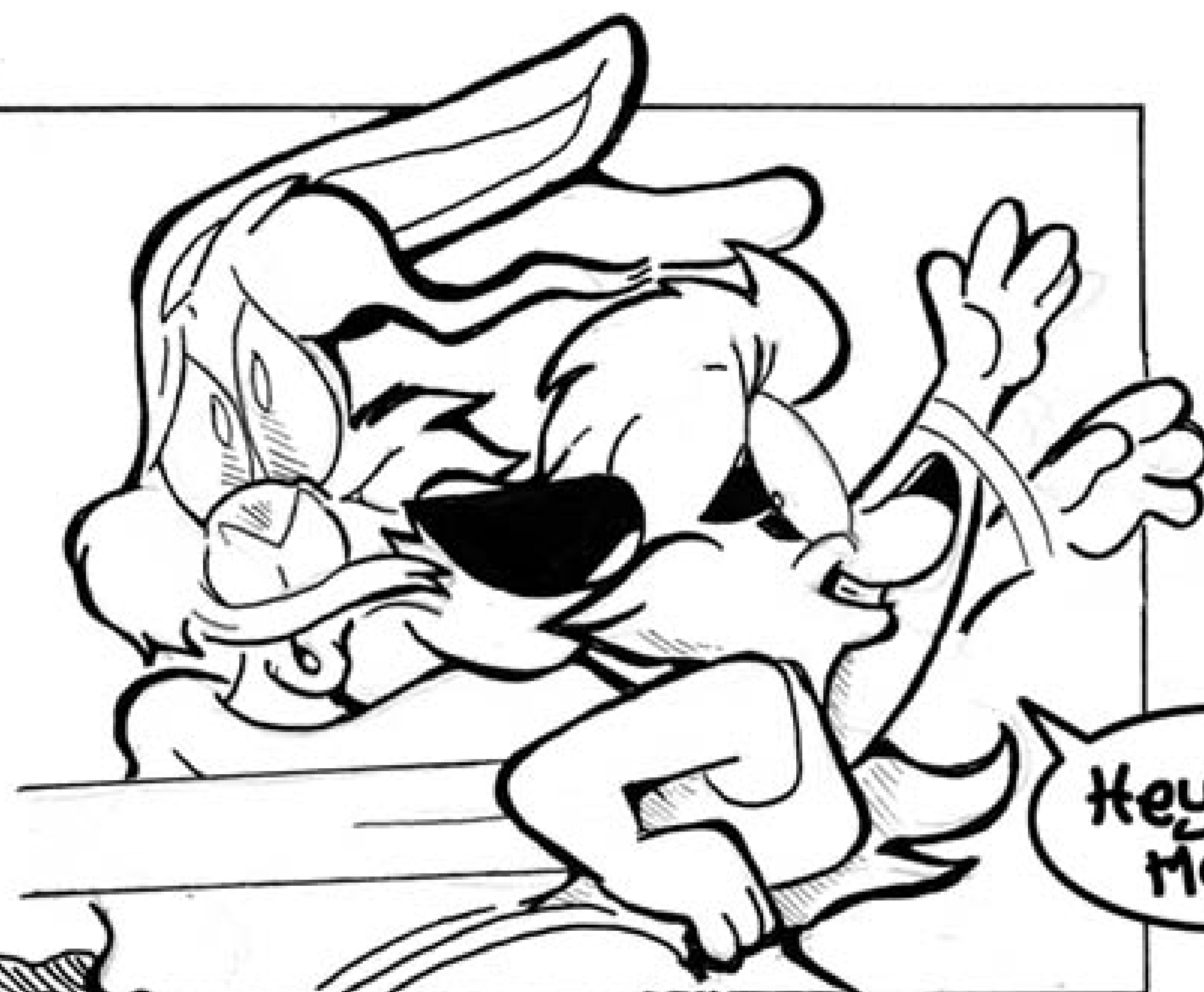




Hmph. Now that all that excitement is over, maybe I can finally take a...



Hey old man!



WHO-O-S-H!

Get back here you crazy bitch



...break.



Lital



BAK'RY

Eee hee hee!
Boobies

Come one step
closer, reaper, and
the bitch gets split
up the middle.

Nice day,
huh, Jack?







Listen, you. I don't care what Jack says, I don't need an escort.

I'll get across all by myself. Now now, don't try and stop me!

SUIT YOURSELF. SEE YA, KIDDO.

Hey, wait! Wait! You were supposed to stop me!

So, why don't I follow you across, and stuff just to keep you company, since you're probably scared and all.

HEH. SURE.

So, what's with your eyes?

OH. LONG STORY. YOU WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN LISTENING, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TELLING.

But no hitting on me.

OH PLEASE, HONEY, I'M OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR FATHER. BESIDES, MY HEART'S DONE FOR.

Whatever.

MY EYES?
WHAT ABOUT THEM?

They look strange. How come they look like that?

AW, COME ON. TRY ME. WE GOT TIME.



I SAID NO.

Fine. Some conversationalist you are.

You know, I had a daughter your age.

Oh, great! Am I about to get your whole damn family story?

NOT IF YOU DON'T WANT IT. SO WHAT -WOULD- YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT?

HMMM.

You know a lot about Hella

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HIM FOR?

UNFORTUNATELY. WHY?

I want to know about Drip.

Because I'm going to hunt him down, and when I find him, I'll make him suffer.

GRR GRR GRR? GRR!

DEAR HEART, TAKE MY ADVICE,
AND STAY AWAY FROM DRIP.

BECAUSE HE'S EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANYTHING YOU COULD
FIND ON THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER. YOU THINK HELL'S BAD NOW,
HE'LL MAKE IT EVEN MORE AGONIZING FOR
YOU, JUST BECAUSE HE CAN.

Yeah yeah yeah.
Have you
ever even
seen him?

Why's that?

HONEY, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.
YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY EYES,
I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY.

Don't change
the subject.
That has
nothing to
do with Drip.

ACTUALLY, IT HAS
EVERYTHING
TO DO WITH DRIP.

Yeah
I'm listening.

THE FIRST THING
YOU NEED TO KNOW IS THAT I
DID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS IN MY YOUTH. THEN I MET MY
PARTNER, ARTISAN, AND HE TURNED MY LIFE AROUND. I
BECAME A TEACHER, I ADOPTED MY LITTLE GIRL... I FOUGHT
CANCER OFF AND ON BUT KEPT KNOCKING IT BACK INTO REMISSION.
I LIVED A HAPPY LIFE UNTIL I LOST ARTY, AND EVERYTHING CAME
CRASHING DOWN ON ME.

I WAS NEVER MEANT FOR HEAVEN, BUT MAYBE I COULD HAVE
AVOIDED HELL IF I HADN'T DONE THAT ONE LAST THING.

HELL PUNISHED ME BY MAKING ME FORGET
ABOUT ALL MY LOVED ONES. I REMEMBERED
MY LIFE JUST FINE, BUT I BELIEVED I
HAD GONE THROUGH IT COMPLETELY ALONE.

AND IT MADE
ME ANGRY.



Jack!



Central

What are you doing here?



Big problem, Jack. I need to find a soul down here, by the name of Vinci. Do you know who I mean?



Yes, I just brought him recently. Why do you need him?

It's a long story.



Let's just say it involves one of our new angels, and I'm trying to find this particular soul before he does.



Odd.

Well, how about I tell you the whole mess while we look?





EASY NOW.



I'M NOT GONNA HURT
YA. EASY...



THERE WE GO.
SEE? I COULD
NEVER HURT YOU.

DON'T YOU WORRY, HONEY.
I'LL GET YOU OUTTA HERE,
AND THEN WE'LL BE
TOGETHER AGAIN.
IT'LL ALL BE OK,



I PROMISE. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH
ENOUGH TOUGH SCRAPES IN OUR TIME.
THIS SHOULD BE CAKE PIECES.



HEY!

YOU'RE STILL BEAUTIFUL. YOU ALWAYS
ARGUED OTHERWISE, BUT YOU HAVE
THOSE GORGEOUS EYES THAT--



STOP! I JUST WANNA
TALK WITH YOU! I JUST--

Arce! Arce!



HONEY, NO! COME BACK!
PLEASE! I JUST WANTED--



-- TO TALK TO HIM.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY CAN'T HE REMEMBER? HE SHOULDN'T BE DOWN HERE; HE DOESN'T DESERVE THIS PLACE. YOU DON'T KNOW HIM THE WAY I DID.



Arty, I'm afraid he -does- deserve it here. He doesn't get special privileges because of you, and he doesn't remember you because Hell has told him he lived his life alone.



He sees you as a threat, not a memory.

There's nothing you can do about it. It's his fight, not yours.



How would -YOU- FEEL IF YOU LOVED SOMEONE DOWN IN HELL WHILE YOU'RE UP SERVING HEAVEN? HUH?



Don't assume I don't. I know that feeling better than you think. But that's, well, it's not important right now.



CENTRAL! HEY, HAVE YOU HAD ANY LUCK? I CAN'T FIND ARTY ANYWHERE!



...OH.

ALL RIGHT, PAL.
ENOUGH'S ENOUGH. LET'S
HEAD BACK AND DO
SOME MORE TRAINING.

NO! YOU DON'T
GET IT, DO YOU?

HE WAS A GOOD MAN! HE WAS A FATHER,
A TEACHER, A LOVING PARTNER!

Arty, of course we--

I GOTTA GO!

*sigh!

BUT YOU DON'T CARE
ABOUT THAT AT ALL.

GO HOME,
ARTY.

Something tells me
he's not going home.

NOPE.

STUPID CAUSE MY MAN
A WHORE!



That angel bothers you, doesn't it?

Who's there?

Someone who can help you.



I've been watching you. All that angel does is tease you with lies and false memories.



I've seen it. I can stop it for you. You'll be able to rest in peace.

AND WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT FOR ME?

Because it pains me to see a soul tortured. Because I care. I just need you to do one thing...



Bring that angel to me.

DR. SULLIVAN JUST LEFT.
YOU LOOK BETTER THAN
YOU DID LAST NIGHT.

WHY ARE YOU STAYING
WITH AN UGLY SICK
GREEK LIKE ME, WHEN
YOU CAN HAVE YOUR
PICK OF ANYONE
IN THE WORLD?

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.
AND AS YOU SAY,
YOU'RE MADE OF AWESOME.

A-ARTISAN.. THAT YOU?

DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING...

BECAUSE ANYONE ELSE
IN THE WORLD ISN'T
YOU, DIPWAD. BESIDES,
WHY THE HECK DO
YOU STAY WITH ME?

I!!!! WIN FOREVER!
AND I'M MODEST TOO.
SO! I GUESS WE'RE
STUCK WITH EACH OTHER.

IS IT ME, HE ASKS? WHO
ELSE IS THIS GORGEOUS?

YOUR HEART STOPPED FOR A BIT.

YEP. FOREVER AND EVER.

OH, ARTY...

IT DID? WELL, STOP WALKING
INTO THE ROOM, HANDSOME.

HAR HAR.
SMARTASS.

STUCK LIKE
DEMOCRACY!

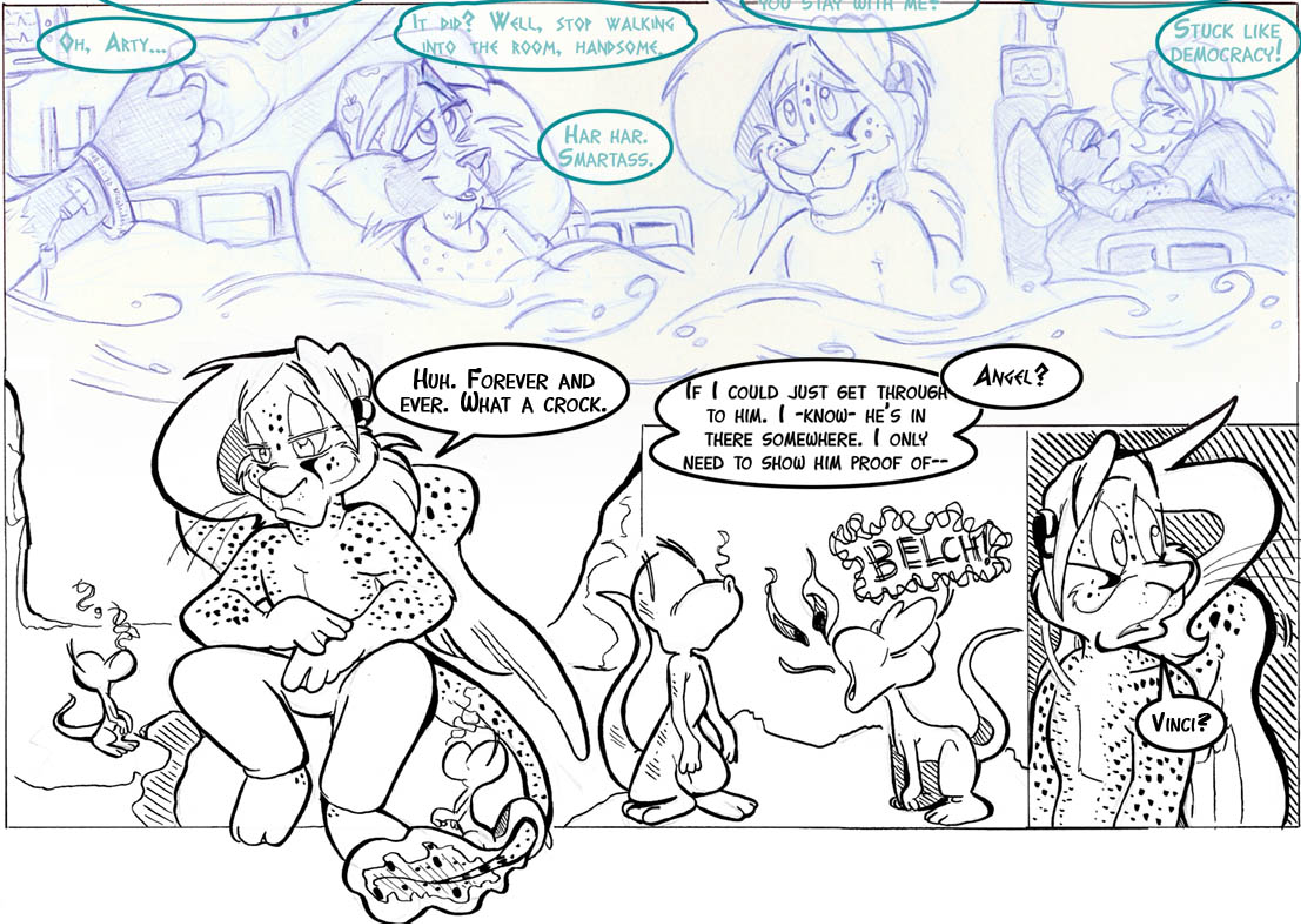
HUH. FOREVER AND
EVER. WHAT A CROCK.

IF I COULD JUST GET THROUGH
TO HIM. I -KNOW- HE'S IN
THERE SOMEWHERE. I ONLY
NEED TO SHOW HIM PROOF OF--

ANGEL?

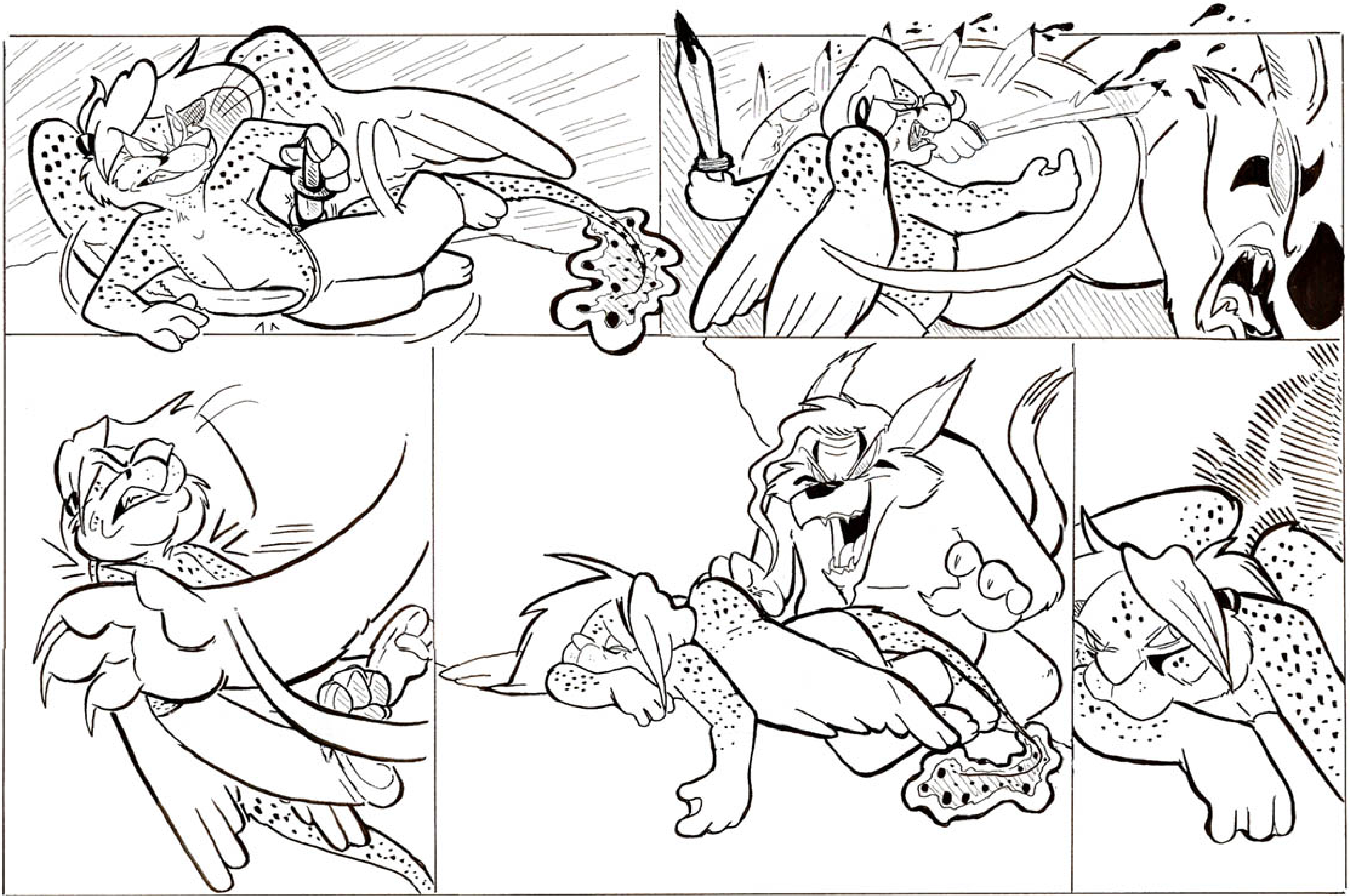
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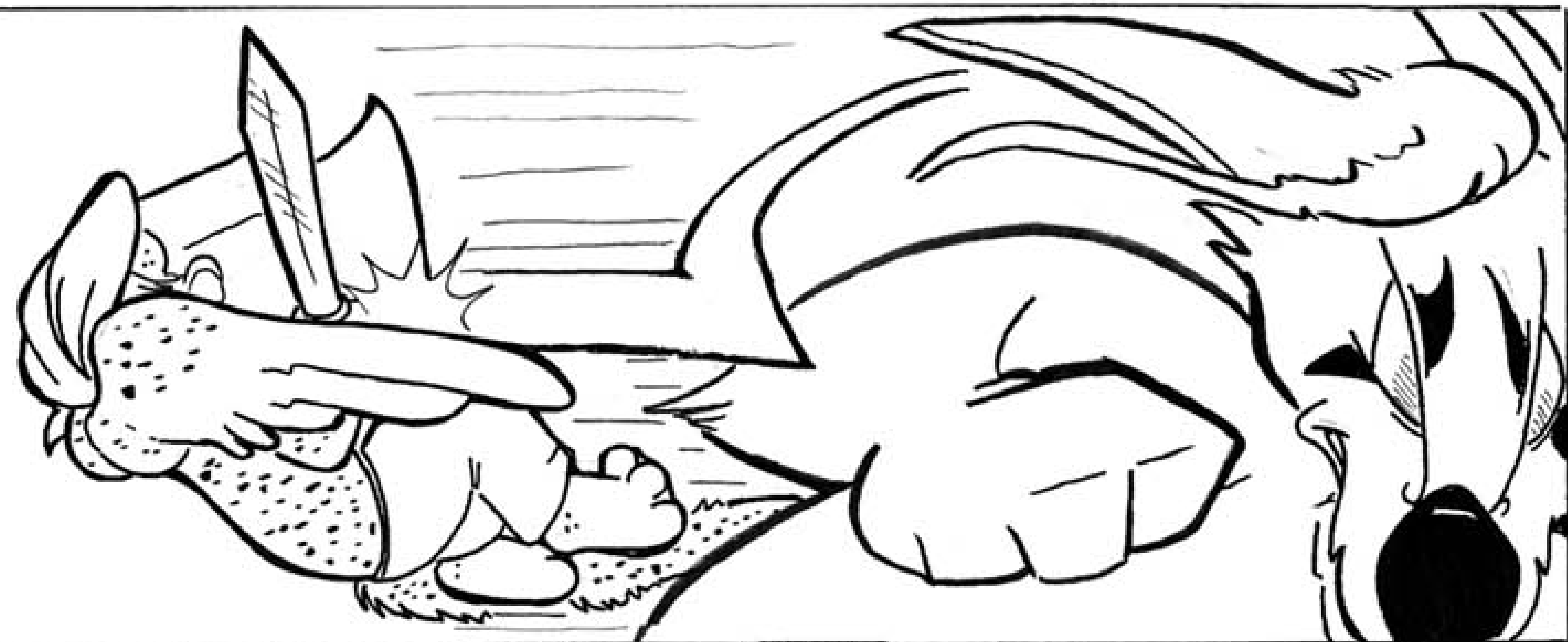
VINCI?













HONEY! HONEY, MY
SWORD! THROW ME MY SWORD!



THAT'S IT! NOW
GIVE IT TO ME!



Good boys



Don't you see, angel?
Your little cockwarmer
is with me. He led you

right where I
needed you to be.

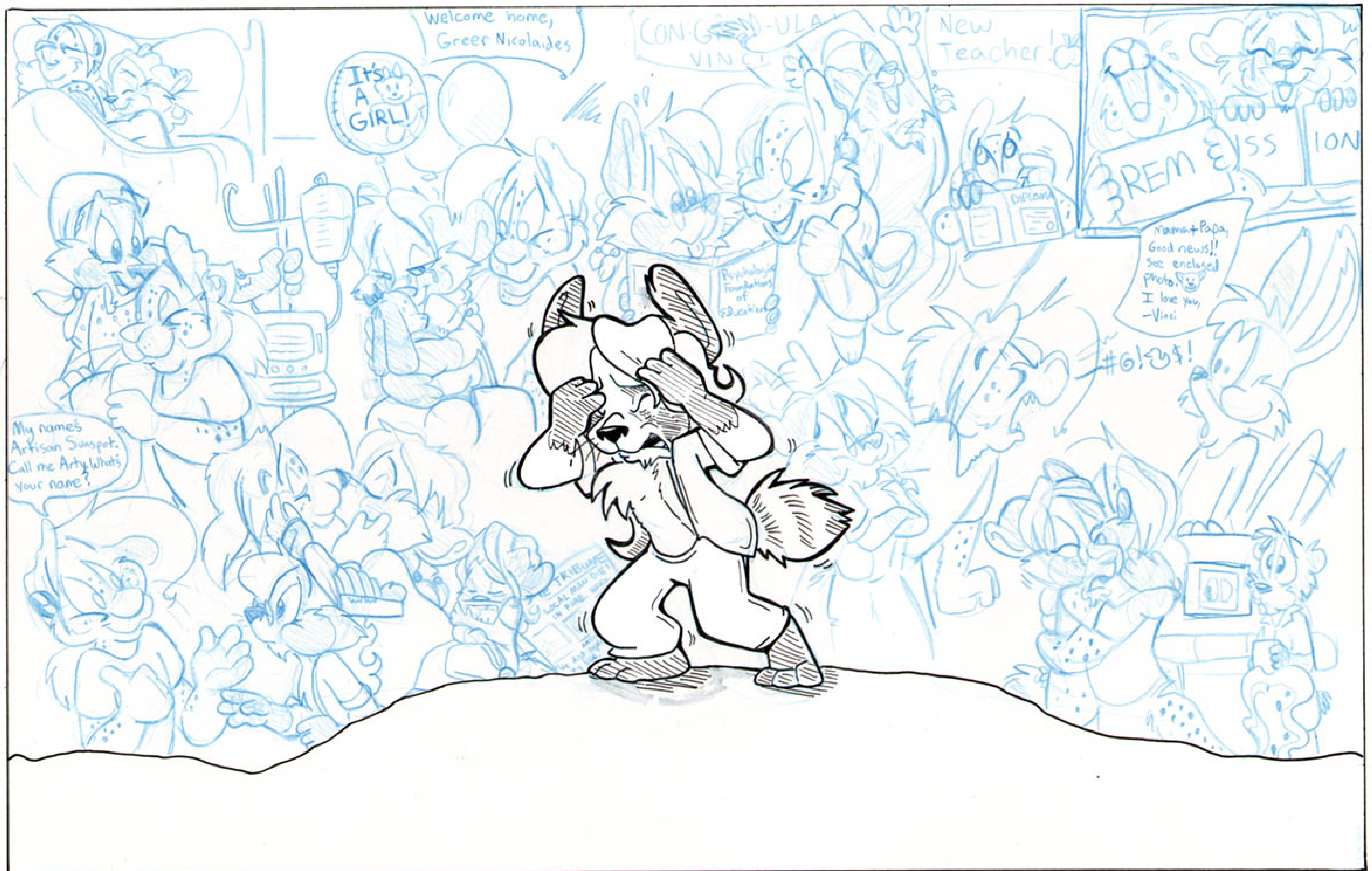


Where I can destroy you!



AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUGH!









Get back here!
I'm going
to rip your
cocks off!



LAUGH!

SLUPE!



Fuck! Fuck fuck fuck!



FUCK!



FRIGGIN'...OH, COCK-UP-ASS...

ARTISANAKI, TI KANETE?

ARTISANAKI? YOU USED TO CALL ME THAT ALL THE TIME.

ARTY?

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Oww. I THOUGHT I WAS SPOSED T LAND ON MY FEET. THASS FALSE ADVERTISIN'...

I KNOW. YOU'RE MY ARTISAN.

AND YOU'RE MY SUNSHINE. THERE ARE THOSE GORGEOUS EYES I REMEMBER. I MISSED THEM SO MUCH.

OH HONEY, I REMEMBER EVERYTHING, AND IT HURTS. IT'S AWFUL.

ARE -YOU- GOING TO BE OK?

ARTY!!

I KNOW, BUT YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW. SEE? I KEPT MY PROMISE.

WELL, NO MORE JUMPING OFF CLIFFS.

WHAT CAN I SAY, I'M STILL FALLIN' FOR YA.

YOU'RE A REAL TRIP.

I KNOW, I KNOW. YOWCH! WATCH THE WING!

I'D BETTER BE. I HOPE MY WING'S NOT BUSTED FOR GOOD. I -LIKE- FLYING.

OH HEY, CENTRAL! I HAD A BIT OF A SHAVE WITH DRIP, BUT HE'S A BIG WHACK JOB, NO SHRED OF DEGENCY, SO WE DECIDED TO CUT AND RUN.

ARTY, ON MY GOD.

OH, AND YOU'VE MET MY PARTNER, RIGHT? THIS IS VINCI.

Well, I'm glad you had a good time, Arty, but we've got to head home. We'll talk more when we get there.

AM I IN TROUBLE? I'M TOO CUTE TO BE IN TROUBLE.

TIME TO GO, MAN.

I'm immune.

I'M NOT GOING TO SEE YOU AGAIN, AM I?

I DUNNO. YOU NEVER KNOW.

DON'T YOU WORRY. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, REMEMBER WHO'S UP THERE WATCHING OVER YOU. I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH.

S'AGHAPPO, ARTY. I WON'T FORGET.

TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR ME, JACK

ARTY...

Come with me, I'll introduce you to a friend of mine. Her name is Silverblue.

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO MY EYES.

Geez. Hey, you got to see your man again, right?

Do you think Drip really had any idea that you two had been partners in life? Maybe it was just a guess? Maybe he didn't realize it.

HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS DOING.

NO, I HAVEN'T. NOT SINCE THEN.

Oh.

OH NO. HE KNEW ABOUT US THE ENTIRE TIME.

AND HERE WE ARE AT THE OTHER SIDE. THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU, MY DEAR.

BEST OF LUCK TO YOU, AND REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT DRIP. HE WON'T HESITATE TO USE YOU AS HIS PLAYTHING, AND HE'LL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO MAKE SURE YOU HURT, WORSE THAN YOU THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

...LET SLEEPING RATS LIE!

Thanks. You think we'll see each other again?

SO DEAR HEART, TAKE MY ADVICE...

YOU NEVER KNOW.

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